

**Electric Utilities Task Group
Friday, February 19, 2010
New Shoreham Town Hall
Old Town Road
2:30 p.m.**

Present: Barbara MacMullan, Everett Shorey, Michael Ballard, Bill Penn. Also present were Bryan Wilson representing Deepwater, Dan West from the Block Island Times, First Warden Kim Gaffett and Dennis Shepherd. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Approval of minutes, December 4, 2009

Minutes of the December 4, 2009 meeting were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Michael Ballard.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Public Input

None

Update on report to Town Council

Tabled

Island Energy Plan Committee

Barbara MacMullan is the EUTG's representative on this committee. Their organizational meeting will be March 10, 2010. There was a discussion about some issues that the IEPC will be focusing on.

Onshore Wind Feasibility Study

There was a discussion on the following items to be included in a new upgraded RFP:

- Multiple sites investigated
- Technical evaluation
- Economic evaluation (including impact on BIPCO & the ratepayers)
- Environmental evaluation

Sites suggested for investigation were Town Beach, Power Company, Water Company, and Transfer Station. Also suggested was having the bidders express what the ideal site would consist of. Bill Penn will work with Heidi Tarbox to come up with a new draft RFP to be given to the Council for approval.

Deepwater Update

Bryan Wilson updated the Task Group on the following items:

- The P.U.C. hearings which will be next month with the Town as intervener.
- Substation and cable landfall.
- Future uses of infrastructure on the BIPCO property

There was discussion about the recent articles in the Block Island Times. The Town becoming a member of ISO was also discussed.

BIPCO Distribution Study

The distribution study recently completed by the Power Company estimated the costs for upgrading to be in the 2.6 million dollar range. BIPCO has decided that it would not be cost effective to upgrade their distribution.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion by Barbara MacMullan and seconded by Everett Shorey and voted unanimously.

Next meeting: March 12, 2010

Minutes submitted:

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan-